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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In reply to the Office Action dated December 17, 2009, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Remarks** begin on page 2.

**Attachments:** 37 CFR § 1.132 Declaration of Masahiro Tojo; and

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CHEMICAL PROCESSING, VOLUME 4 (edited by Sunggyu Lee, Taylor & Francis Group, published in 2006), pages 2277-2278.